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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 11, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RAY LAHOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Thomas A. Erickson, Interim Pastor, the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC., offered the following prayer:

Almighty and ever-gracious God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. We thank You for patriots in the past who have occupied this Chamber and whose dedication has secured the liberties we enjoy today. Bless those who now hold office in this House. We thank You for their commitment to the highest ideals of freedom. Enable them to do their work with wisdom and kindness, that their legislation may enhance life, liberty, and justice for all. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Washington (Mr.

NETHERCUTT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NETHERCUTT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1625. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 Main Avenue in Clifton, New Jersey, as the "Robert P. Hammer Post Office Building".

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minute speeches on each side.

WELCOMING THE REV. DR. THOMAS A. ERICKSON

(Mr. NETHERCUTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to welcome here to the Chamber today Dr. Tom Erickson, the interim pastor at National Presbyterian Church who offered the opening prayer. We are thankful for his presence today, and we are thankful that he has devoted himself to a ministry in the Presbyterian faith.

Dr. Erickson is no stranger to Presbyterian ministry and commitment to God. He has served a lifetime of ministries in Spokane, Washington, my home town, in California and Massachusetts; and he most recently retired

from a very large church in Paradise Valley, Arizona.

He brings to the ministry a kindness, a grace, a wisdom, a commitment to Jesus Christ, a commitment to his faith and a commitment to compassion around this country and to those he ministers to and serves. He is a credit to the ministry of the Presbyterian faith. We are so delighted that he has committed himself, even after retirement, to an interim position here in Washington, D.C. at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, a church of great tradition and history.

He and his wife, Carol, have been married for almost 49 years. They have three beautiful daughters who are adult children, and they are devoted to those dear children and to each other and to their faith in God.

We are delighted that Dr. Erickson could be here today, and we certainly welcome him and thank him for his prayer this morning.

FAMILY FRIENDLY WAL-MART

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, Wal-Mart is our Nation's largest company and it is growing. The company plans to expand its workforce from 1.2 million to 3 million over the next 5 years, and it will build 48 million square feet of new retail space.

Fortune Magazine recently named Wal-Mart the Nation's most admired company. The retail chain offers its many products and selections in a family-friendly environment.

Recently, the retail chain has announced plans to cover four women's magazines it carries on its sales racks. The content on the covers of these magazines could offend customers and are inappropriate for children. It has

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